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Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2003-2004. Objectives may be key or supporting level.   The level of the objective appears after the objective number and before the objective text.

Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicators are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year of the budget document.   Performance indicators may be key, supporting, or general performance information level. Key level is indicated by a "K" in the "Level" column of the standard performance indicator table.   Supporting level is indicated by an "S" in the "Level" column of the standard performance indicator table. General Performance Information indicators appear in tables labeled as General Performance Information.

Proposed performance standards do not reflect the most recent budget adjustments implemented by the Division of Administration during development of the FY 2003-2004 Executive Budget Supporting Document. Rather, proposed performance standards indicate a "To be established" status since the agency had insufficient time to assess the full performance impacts of the final Executive Budget recommendation. As a result, during the 2003 Legislative Session, the agency will seek amendments to the General Appropriations Bill to identify proposed performance standards reflective of the funding level recommended in the Executive Budget Supporting Document.

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AGENCY ID: 04-144 Commissioner of Elections
PROGRAM ID: Program D: Voter Registration

1. (KEY) To assist and direct registrars of voters, administer rules and regulations, conform to state and federal law, and serve liaison and troubleshooting functions between the registrars of voters and various governmental agencies.

Strategic Link: This operational objective relates to Objective 1 for the Voter Registration Program in the department's strategic plan: *Through the Voter Registration Program, the Department will assist and direct registrars of voters, administer rules and regulations, conform to state and federal law, serve liaison and troubleshooting functions between the registrars of voters and various governmental agencies. In addition, the Department will monitor the voter registration database to evaluate the Registrars of Voters compliance with directives. Through the Registration Program, the Department will coordinate various agency-based registration under the National Voter Registration Act and encourage voter registration methods that make voter registration readily available and convenient, as measured by a percentage of voter registrations from nontraditional sources.*

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: This operational objective is related to Goal 1, Objective 1.8: *To improve the efficiency and accountability of governmental agencies.*
Children's Cabinet Link: Not applicable
Other Link(s): Not applicable

Explanatory Note: To accomplish this objective, the Registration Administration Section provides information to registrars of voters concerning changes in the law that affect the registration process, develops rules and regulations to be followed by parish registrars of voters, investigates means of voter registration through new technologies, coordinates various agency-based registrations under the National Voter Registration Act, conducts all initial and follow-up training, and submits all reports and surveys to the Federal Elections Commission.

LaPAS PI CODE	L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
			YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 2001-2002	PERFORMANCE STANDARD AS INITIALLY APPROPRIATED FY 2002-2003	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2002-2003	PERFORMANCE AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2003-2004	PERFORMANCE AT EXECUTIVE BUDGET LEVEL FY 2003-2004
10581	K	Average response time to provide voter registration forms (in days)	3	1	1	1	3	To be established

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	GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: VOTER REGISTRATION					
		PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
LaPAS PI CODE	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2001-02
12093	Total number of registered voters (highest number duning fiscal year)	2,654,222	2,695,476	2,745,016	2,798,308	2,776,794
12094	Number of active registered voters (highest number during fiscal year)	2,466,389 [1]	2,528,744	2,543,136	2,601,472	2,571,742
12096	Number of inactive registered voters (highest number during fiscal year)	187,833 [1]	166,732	248,288	247,208	300,338
12097	Percentage change in total number of registered voters	5.8%	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%	-0.77

[1] In FY 1997-98, the software for providing voter registration statistics was modified to capture both active and inactive voter registration data. Prior to that point, data for these indicators are not available. The figures are the highest numbers for each type during the fiscal year. However, the highest levels of each may not occur at the same time during the fiscal year.

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2. (KEY) To register voters, update voter rolls, review all incoming voter registration application forms for completeness, and request additional information of all incomplete forms.

Strategic Link: This operational objective correlates to Objective 2 for the Voter Registration Program in the department's strategic plan (revised January 2001): *Through the Voter Registration Program, parish registrars of voters will register voters, update voter rolls, review all incoming voter registration application forms for completeness, and request additional information of all incomplete forms. The registrars of voters will canvass voters to insure that an individual is registered in the parish, ward and/or precinct in which the voter resides, cancel voter registrations of all voters who are deceased, and suspend the registration of individuals who are interdicted or convicted of a felony.*

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: This operational objective is related to Goal 1, Objective 1.8: T*o improve the efficiency and accountability of governmental agencies.*
Children's Cabinet Link: Not applicable
Other Link(s): Not applicable

Explanatory Note: To accomplish this objective, the Registrars of Voters Section registers voters, updates voter rolls, reviews all incoming voter registration application forms for completeness, and requests additional information on all incomplete forms. The registrars of voters canvass voters to ensure than an individual is registered in the parish, ward, and precinct in which the voter resides, cancel voter registrations of all voters who are deceased, and suspend the registrations of individuals who are interdicted or convicted of a felony.

Explanatory Note: In accordance with statutory requirements, the Department of Elections and Registration is required to pay the state's share of the salaries for registrars of voters and their employees, as well as a pro-rated portion of the annual cost of the canvass.

LaPAS PI CODE	L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
			YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 2001-2002	PERFORMANCE STANDARD AS INITIALLY APPROPRIATED FY 2002-2003	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2002-2003	PERFORMANCE AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2003-2004	PERFORMANCE AT EXECUTIVE BUDGET LEVEL FY 2003-2004
598	K	Total number of registered voters (highest number during the fiscal year)	2,850,000	2,776,794	2,850,000	2,850,000	2,850,000	To be established

[1] This performance standard was based on projections of 2,598,000 active registered voters and 252,000 inactive registered voters.

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LaPAS PI CODE	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: NEW VOTER REGISTRATIONS, BY TYPE				
		PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
		PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2001-02
12105	Total number of voter registrations	147,039	157,315	156,557	160,802	123,977
12109	Number of new voter registrations from traditional sources	19,780	22,648	25,705	27,628	14,673
12110	No. of new voter registrations form state LRI Form	19,663	22,496	25,412	26,466	14,624
12111	No. of new voter registrations from federal postcard	117	152	293	1,162	49
12112	No. of new voter registrations form nontraditional sources	127,259	134,667	130,852	133,174	109,304
12126	No. of new voter registrations from public assistance	10,111	7,978	6,813	5,241	4,307
12127	No. of new voter registrations from motor vehicle office	87,511	86,860	80,421	76,626	77,662
12128	No. of new voter registrations from mail form	21,095	30,146	34,342	42,318	19,593
12129	No. of new voter registrations from optional registration site	6,890	8,304	8,308	8,055	6,868
12130	No. of new voter registrations from social services	1,501	1,227	840	758	844
12131	No. of new voter registrations from military form	151	152	128	176	30
12133	Percentage of new voter registration applications received from traditional sources	13.5%	14.4%	16.4%	17.2%	11.8%
12135	Percentage of new voter registration from state LRI Form	13.4%	14.3%	16.2%	16.5%	11.8%
12136	Percentage of new voter registration from federal post card	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%	0.40%
12138	Percentage of new voter registration applications received from nontraditional sources	86.5%	85.6%	83.6%	82.8%	88.2%
12140	Percentage of new voter registration from public assistance	6.9%	5.0%	4.4%	3.3%	3.3%
12141	Percentage of new voter registration from motor vehicle office	59.5%	55.2%	51.4%	47.6%	62.6%
12142	Percentage of new voter registration from mail form	14.3%	19.2%	21.9%	26.3%	15.8%

12143	Percentage of new voter registration from optional registration site	4.7%	5.3%	5.3%	5.0%	5.5%
12144	Percentage of new voter registration from social services	1.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%
12145	Percentage of new voter registration from military form	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.02%